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Friends,

I wanted to share with you some more outstanding recognitions for the Augusta Metropolitan Statistical Area that have just recently come out (please see the attached links). Forbes Magazine recently ranked "the 100 Fastest Recovering Cities in America" with Augusta ranking 22nd. Just yesterday, the same publication ranked "America's Best Bang for the Buck Cities", with our metro area ranking 5th on the list. Needless to say, our continued high rankings on the lists of national publications certainly help to raise our city's profile and can only help our efforts to recruit new investment to the area while at the same time working towards growing and expanding the strong economic assets we already have in place.

Thanks,
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http://www.forbes.com/2009/11/30/cities-affordable-cheap-lifestyle-real-estate-housing-foreclosures_chart.html

<http://www.forbes.com/2009/11/19/cities-recovery-unemployment-lifestyle-real-estate-top-ten-chart.html?partner=yahoore>